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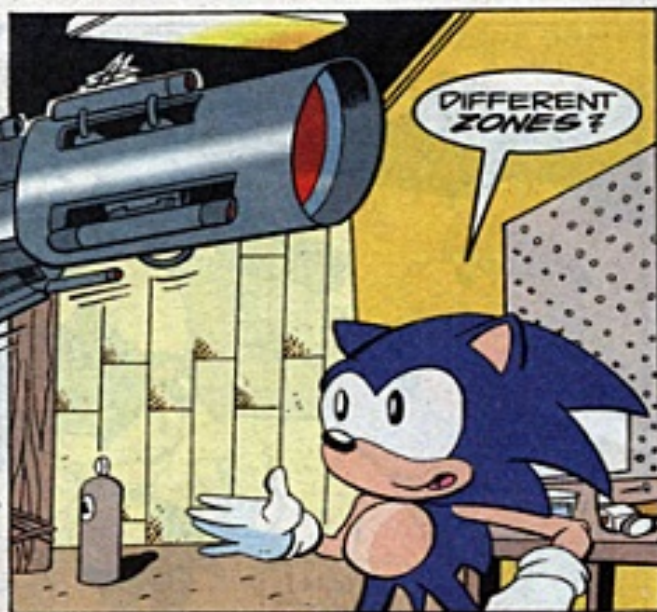


ACTUALLY, IT'S
MY PARTY-HEARTY
QUADRA-SONIC
ROCK 'N' ROLLER!



THIS THING'LL BLOW
THROUGH DOORS, WALLS,
IMPENETRABLE BARRIERS,
YOU NAME IT!

DIFFERENT
ZONES?



YEAH, BUT YOU WOULDN'T
WANT TO EXCEPT IN
EXTREME SITUATIONS!

NOW, OVER HERE, FOR
MORE PRACTICAL
PURPOSES--

AWW, THAT'S
NO FUN!

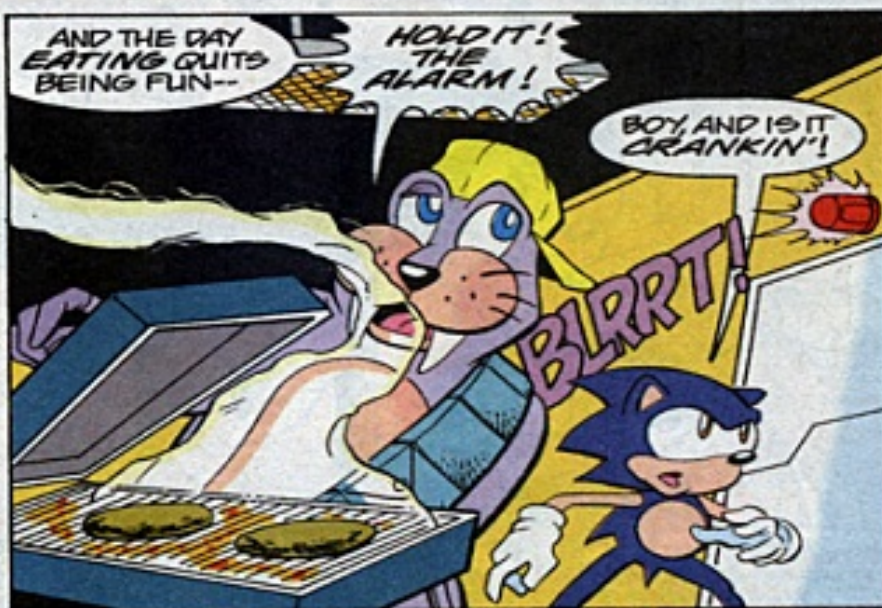
JUST BECAUSE IT'S
PRACTICAL DOESN'T
MEAN IT ISN'T
FUN!



AND THE DAY
EATING QUILTS
BEING FUN--

HOLD IT!
THE
ALARM!

BOY, AND IS IT
CRANKIN'!



LET'S SEE WHAT
THE BOARD
SAYS!

MAYBE SOMEBODY
TRIPPED OVER A
LOST SWATBOT!



IT'S WORSE THAN THAT

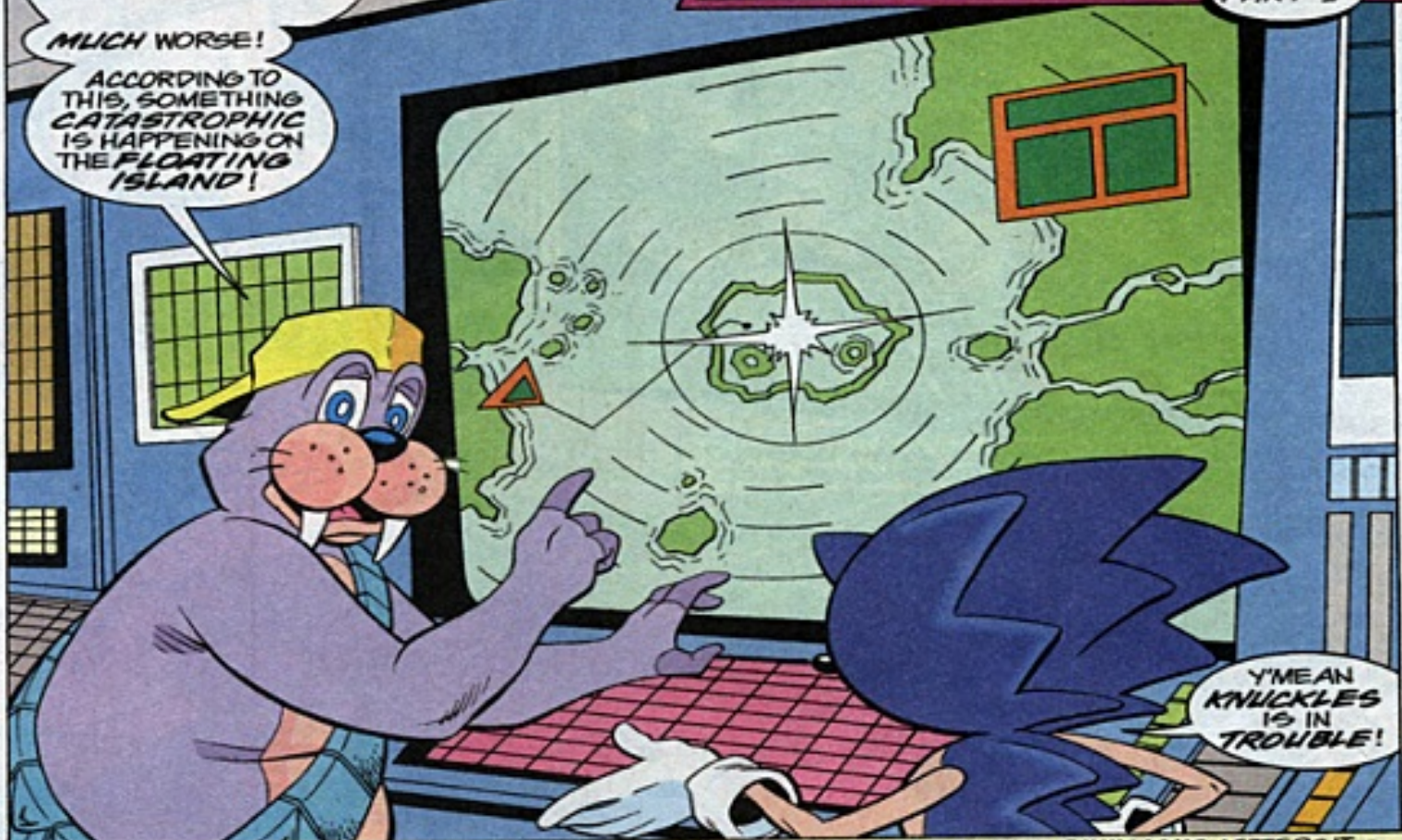
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MUCH WORSE!

ACCORDING TO
THIS, SOMETHING
CATASTROPHIC
IS HAPPENING ON
THE FLOATING
ISLAND!

BLACK AND BLUE AND RED ALL OVER

PART I



KEN FENDERS WRITES IT--MANNY GALAN PENCILS IT--ANDREW FERRY INKS IT--VICKIE WILLIAMS LETTERS IT--
BARRY GROSSMAN COLORS IT--JUSTIN FREEDY GABRIE EDITS IT--VICTOR GORELICK MING EDITOR--RICHARD GOLDWATER CHIEF

WELL, THAT'S
ONE WAY OF
PUTTING IT,
SONIC!

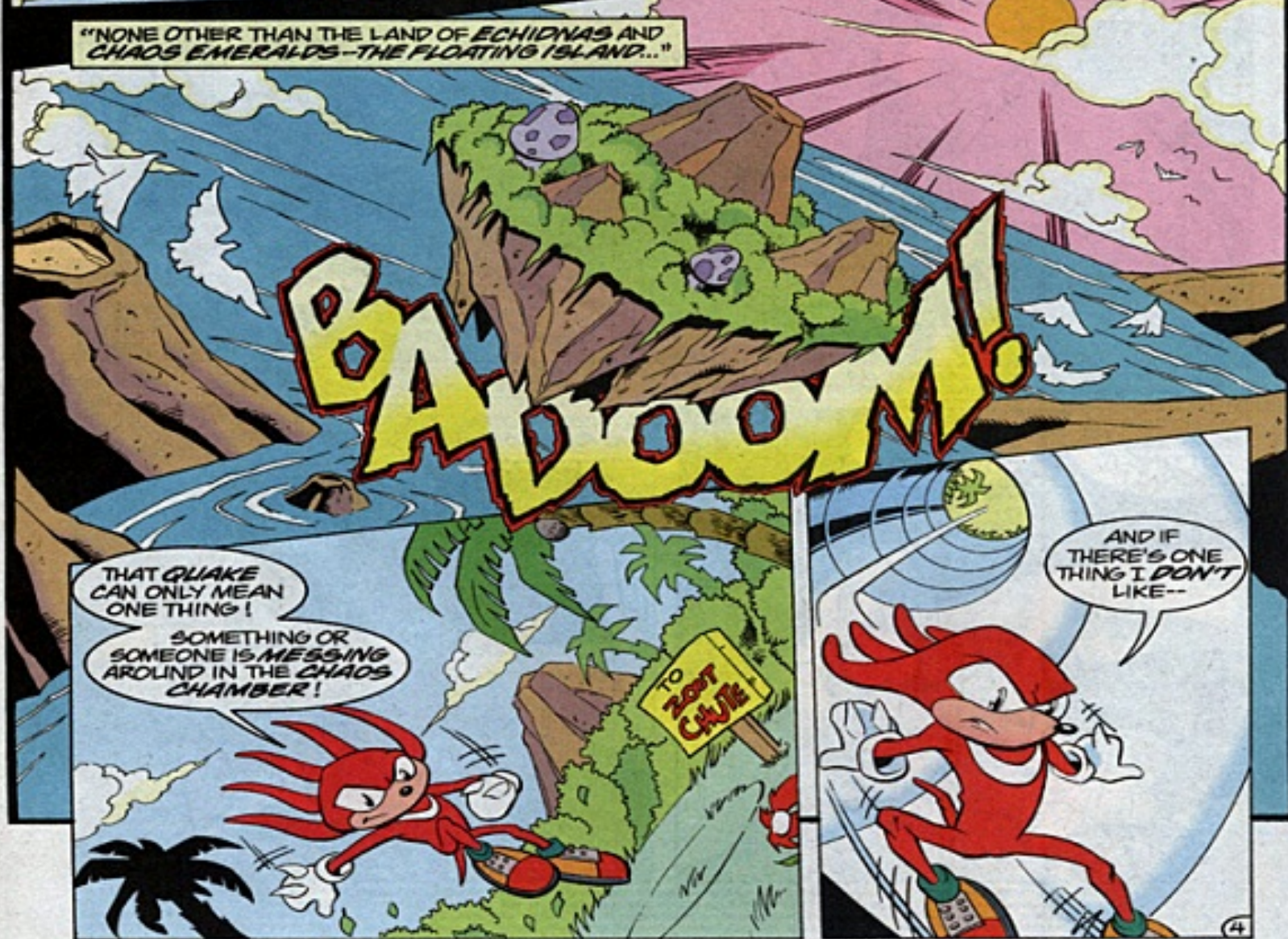
I'D BETTER
ALERT THE
PRINCESS!

NO NEED, ROTOR! I'M
ALREADY HERE!

ALRIGHT,
EVERYONE--



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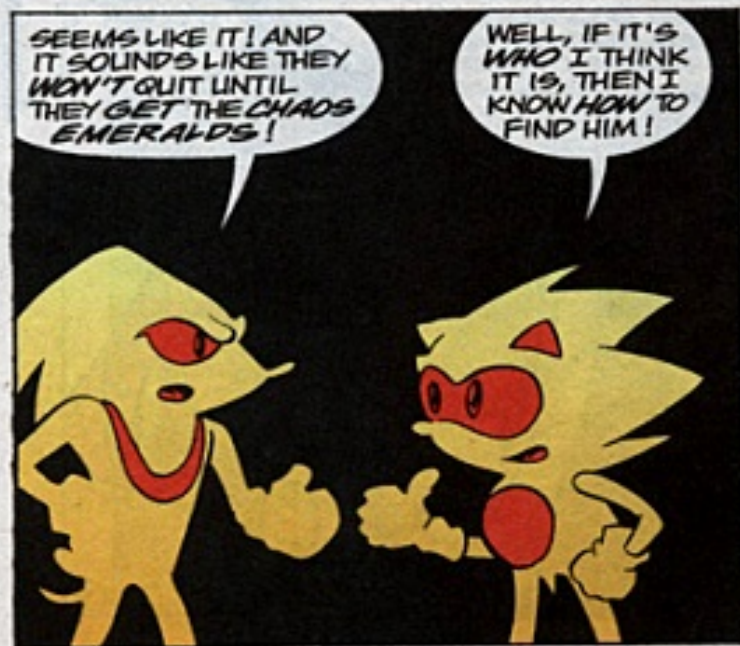
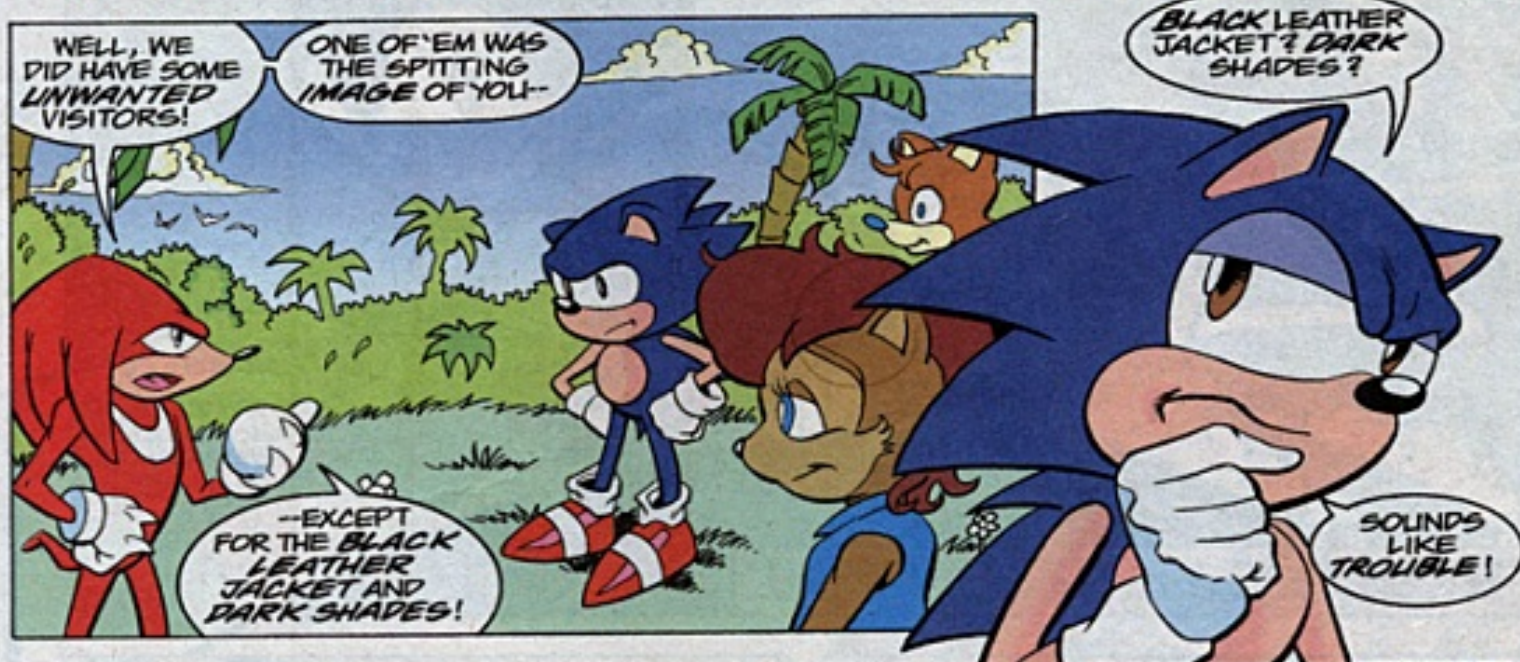
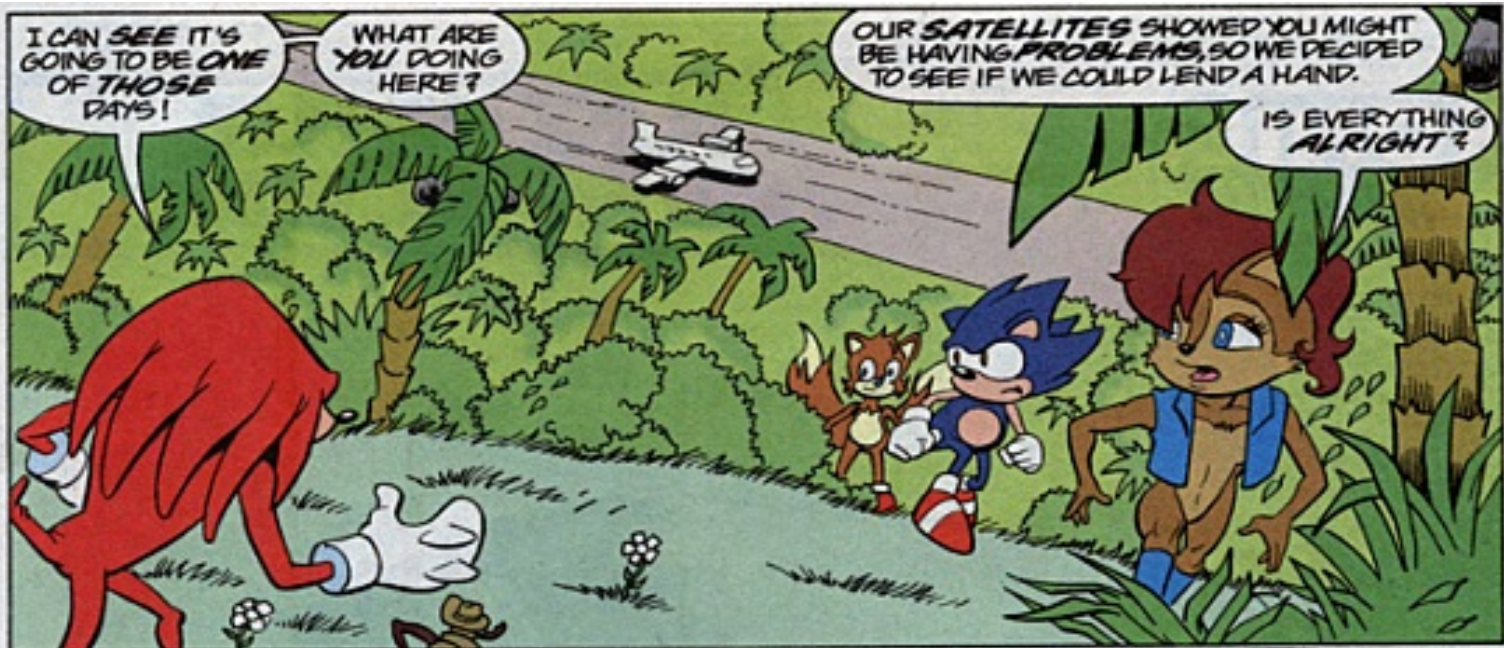


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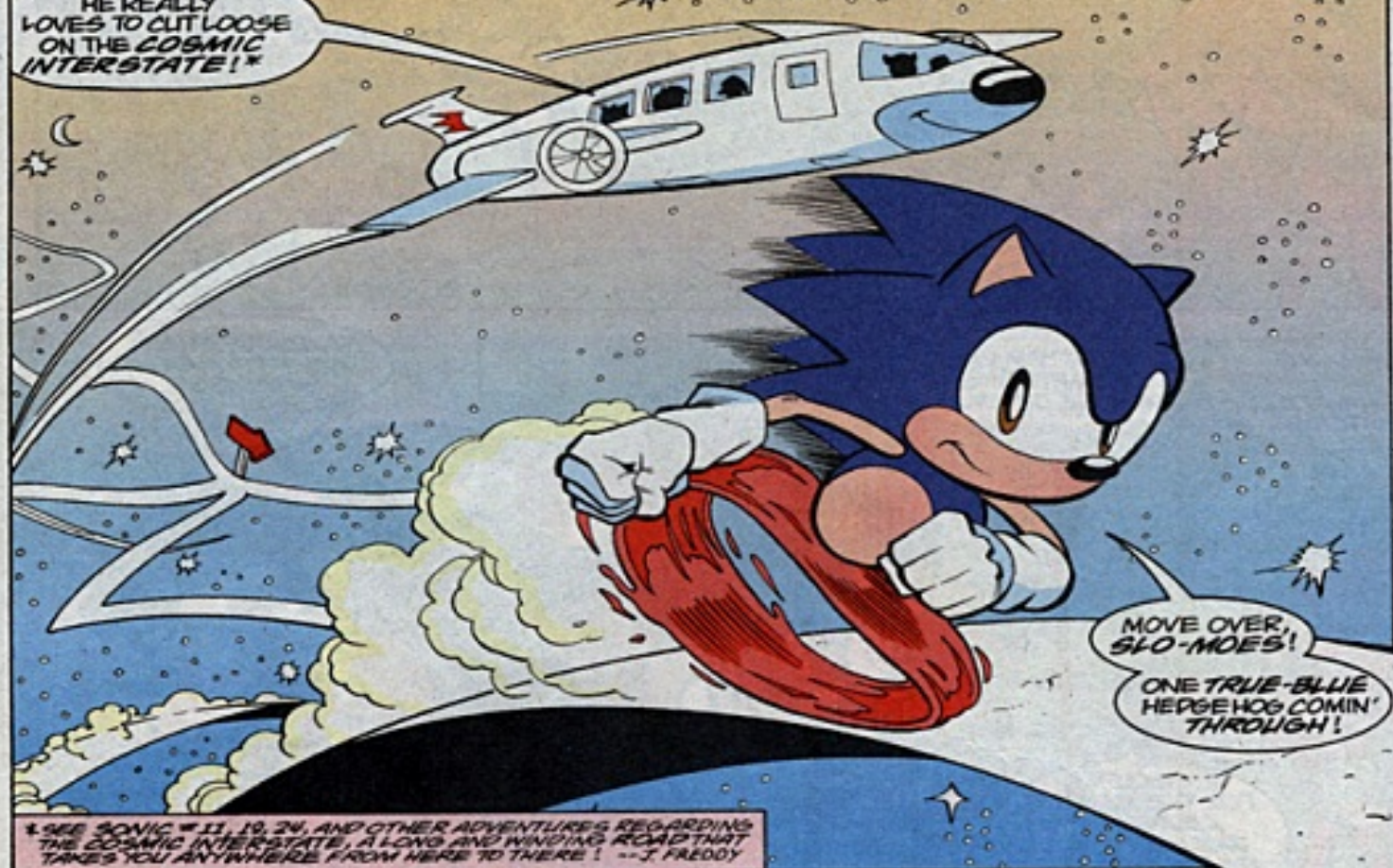
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GO!

HE REALLY
LOVES TO CUT LOOSE
ON THE COSMIC
INTERSTATE!*

BLACK AND BLUE AND RED ALL OVER

PART II



NO, BEING THE DAUGHTER
OF A KING NEVER IS! EVEN
WHEN ON A VACATION--

"WHEN WE ARRIVED ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, I THOUGHT
WE WERE ALONE UNTIL I HEARD A SLIGHT RUSTLING IN
THE NEARBY BUSHES--

"--WE WOULD TRAVEL
TO LOCATIONS ONLY
MY FATHER KNEW OF!

"--IT WAS ONLY AFTER I WANDERED
OFF ON MY OWN THAT YOU
REVEALED YOURSELF TO ME--

WHO ARE
YOU?

THAT'S
FUNNY!
I WAS ABOUT
TO ASK YOU
THE SAME,
SISTER!

"WE DISCOVERED WE BOTH HAD
A GREAT DEAL IN COMMON--

MY DAD WANTS
ME TO BE RULER
OF OUR PEOPLE
SOME DAY!

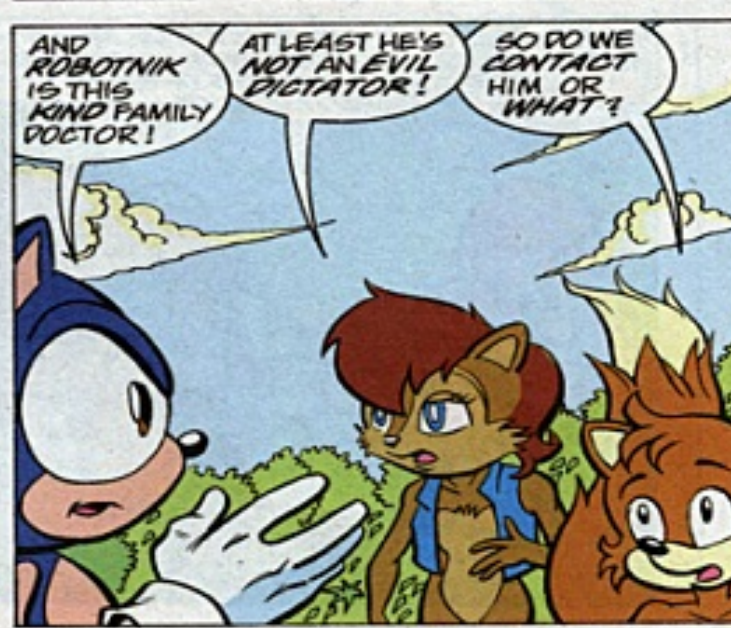
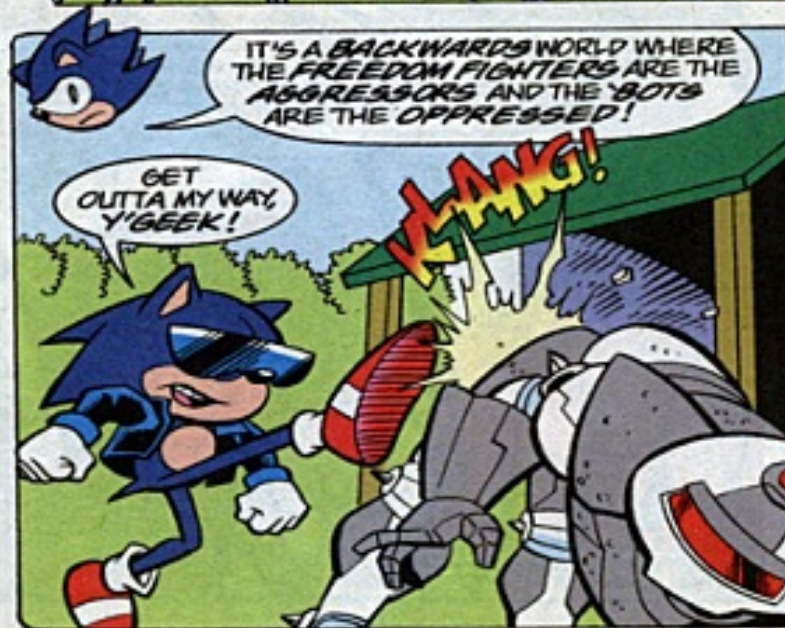
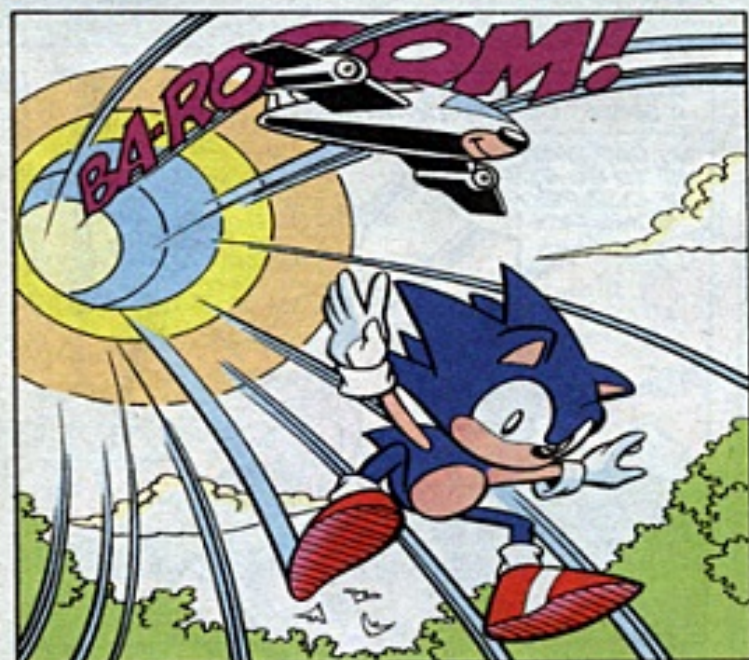
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TO BE GUARDIAN
OF THE FLOATING
ISLAND SOME
DAY!

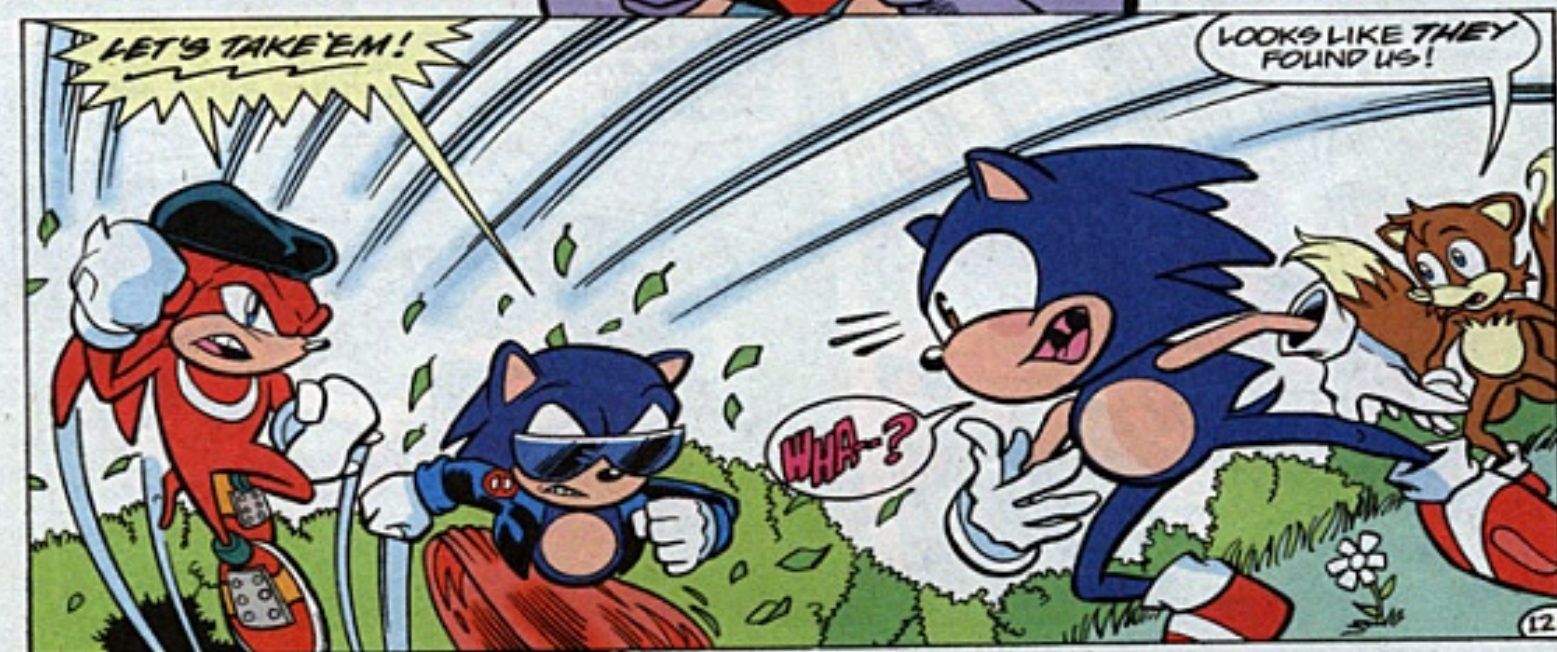
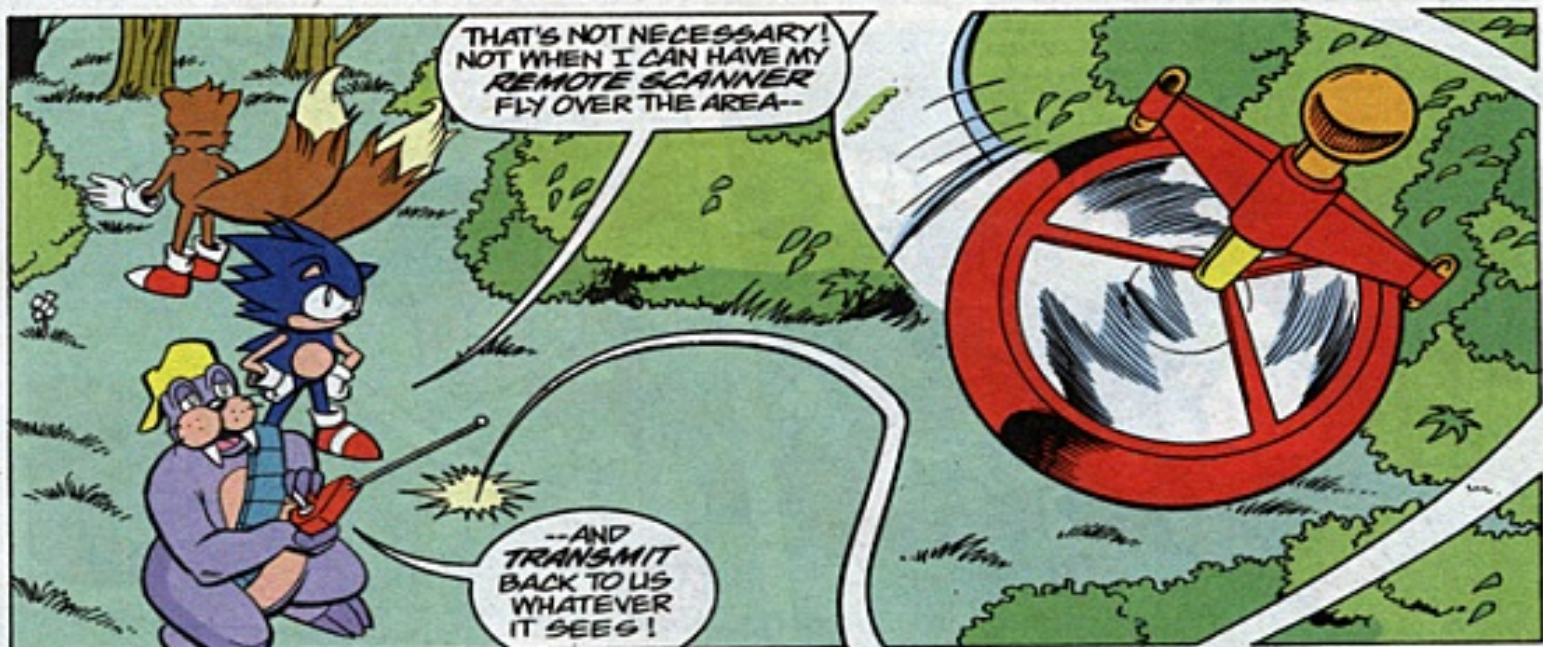
"UNFORTUNATELY, I COULDN'T TALK ABOUT
YOU TO ANYONE, LEST YOUR FATHER DISCOVER
YOU BROKE THE RULES OF YOUR
APPRENTICESHIP--

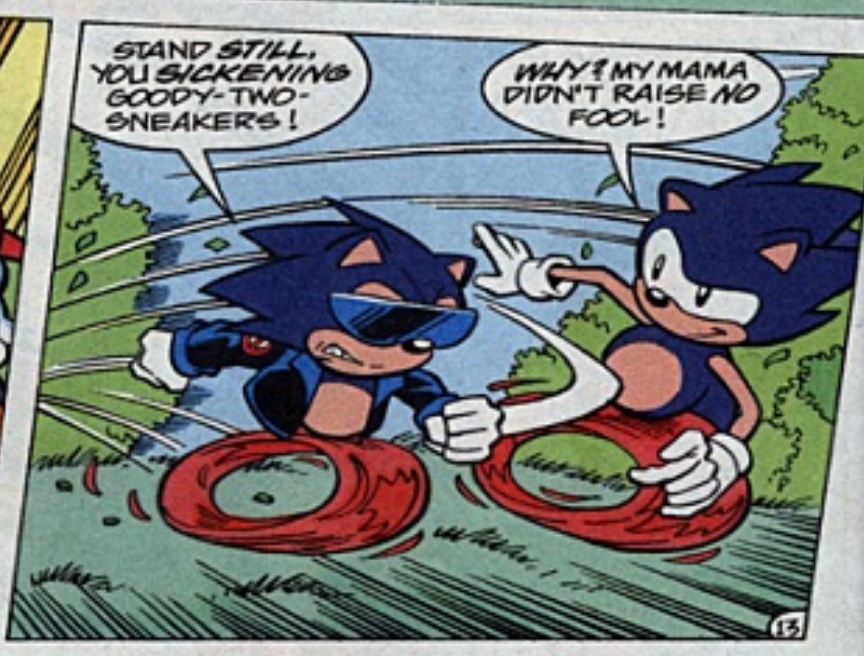
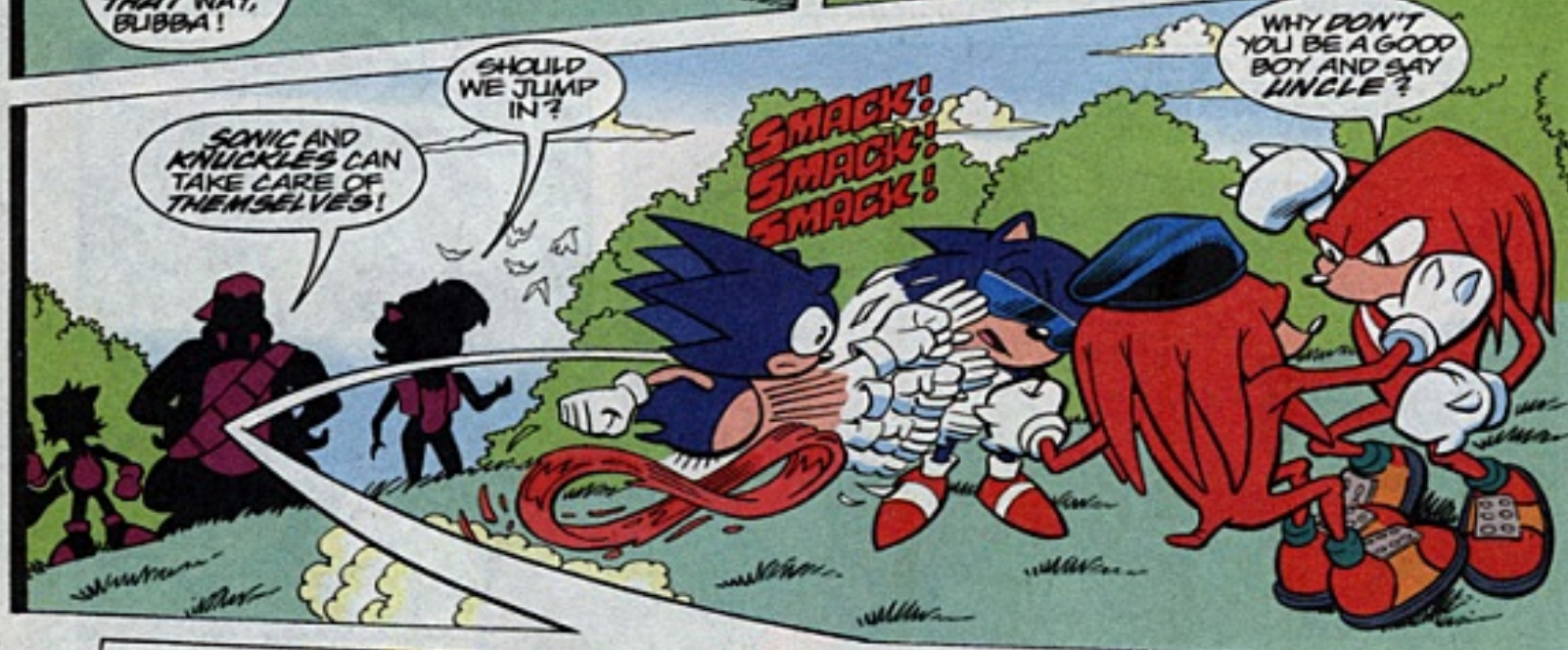
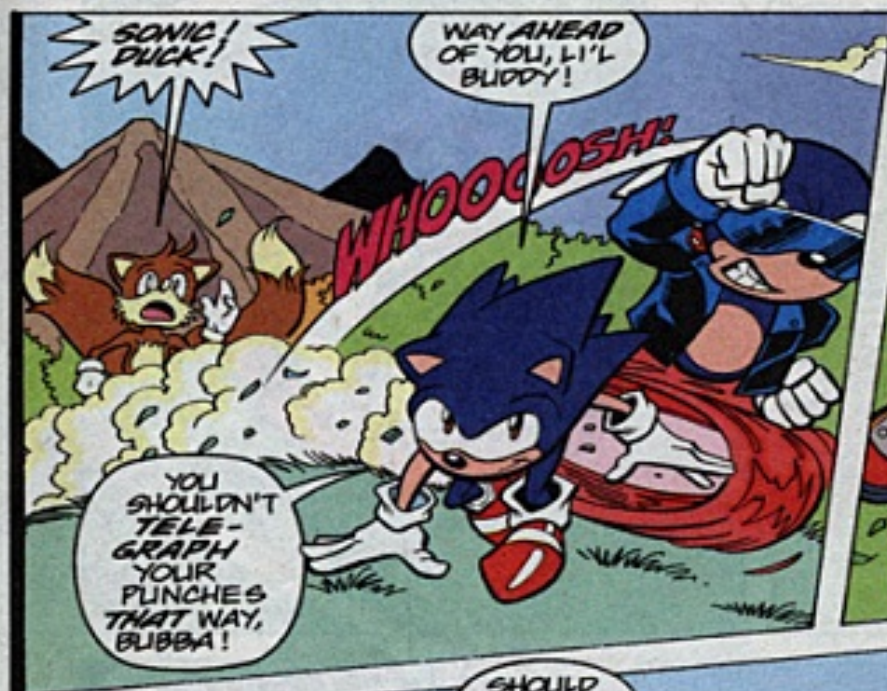
--NOT EVEN WHEN WE HAD TO GO
BACK TO THE FLOATING ISLAND
BECAUSE OF ROBOTNIK DID I LET
ON I KNEW YOU!*

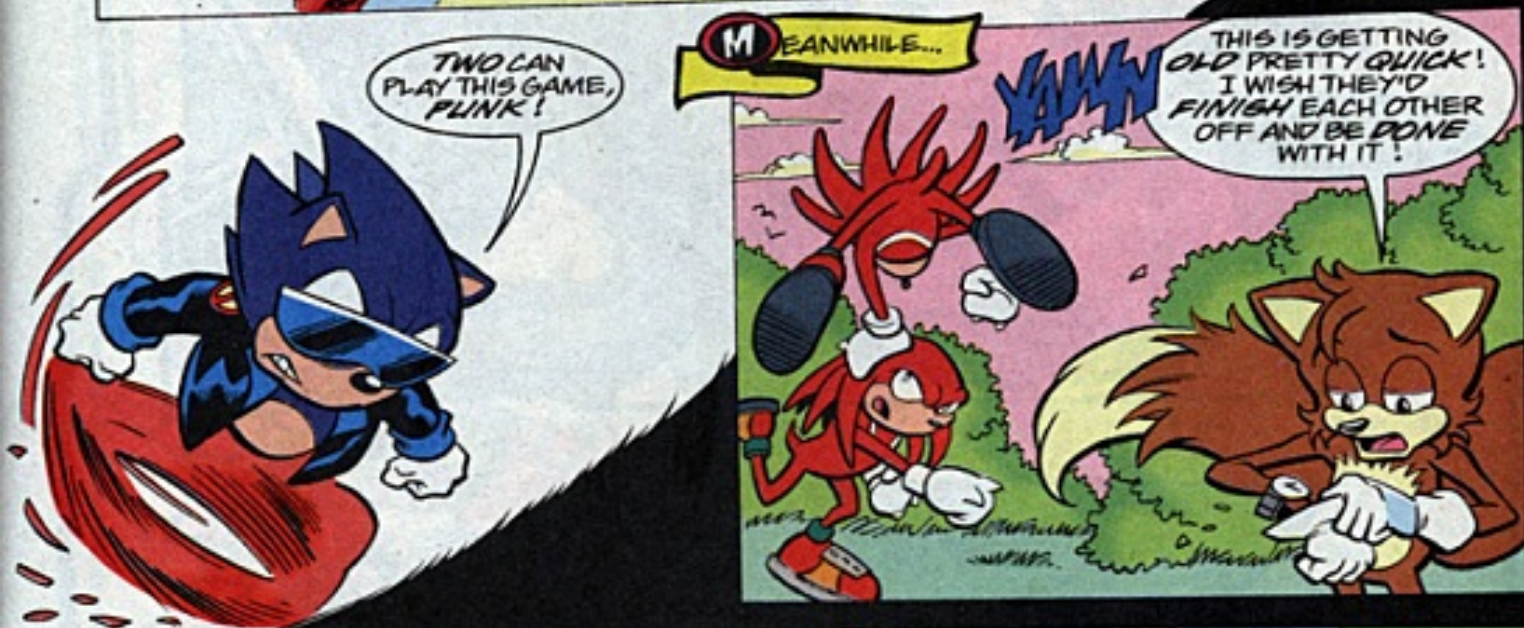
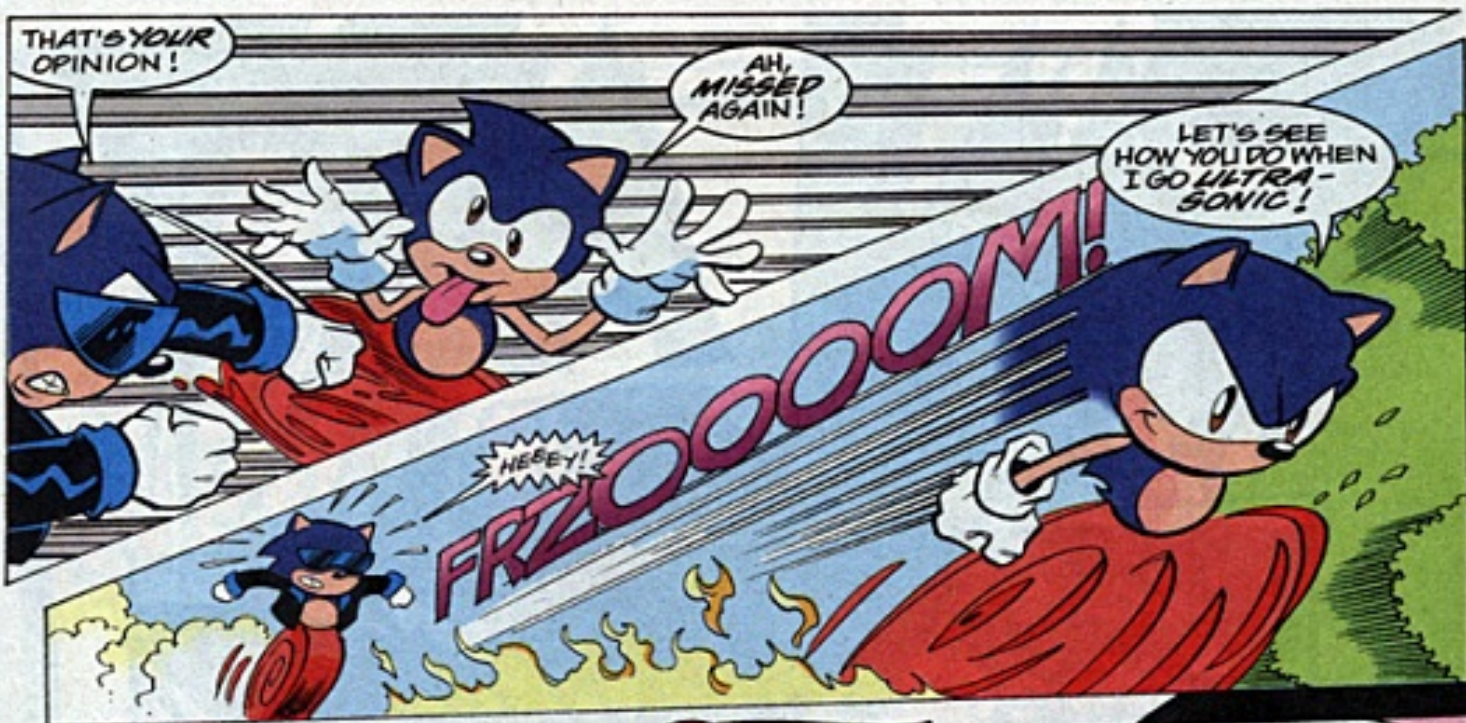
DO YOU
THINK YOU
SHOULD TELL
SONIC?

*REFER TO THE NOW-CLASSIC
SONIC & KNUCKLES #1-J FREDDY







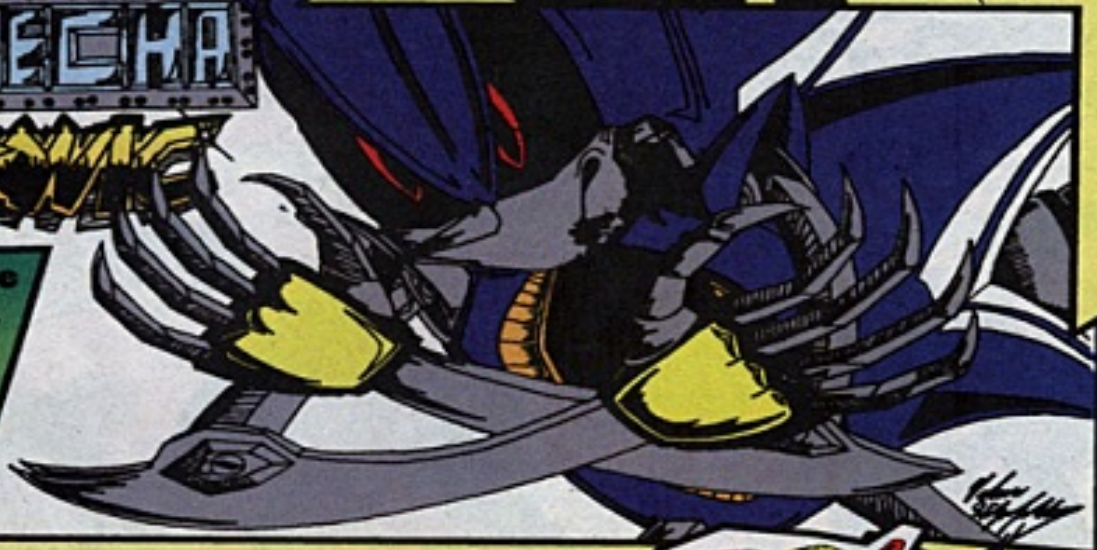


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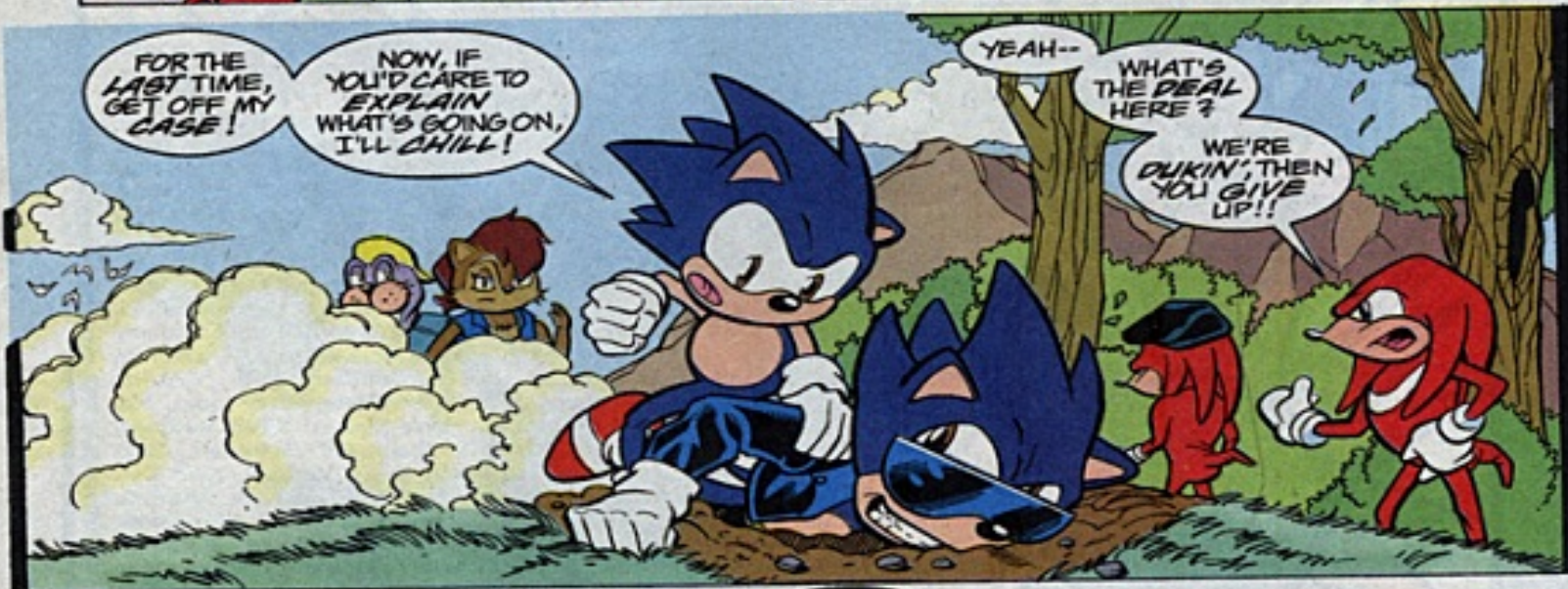
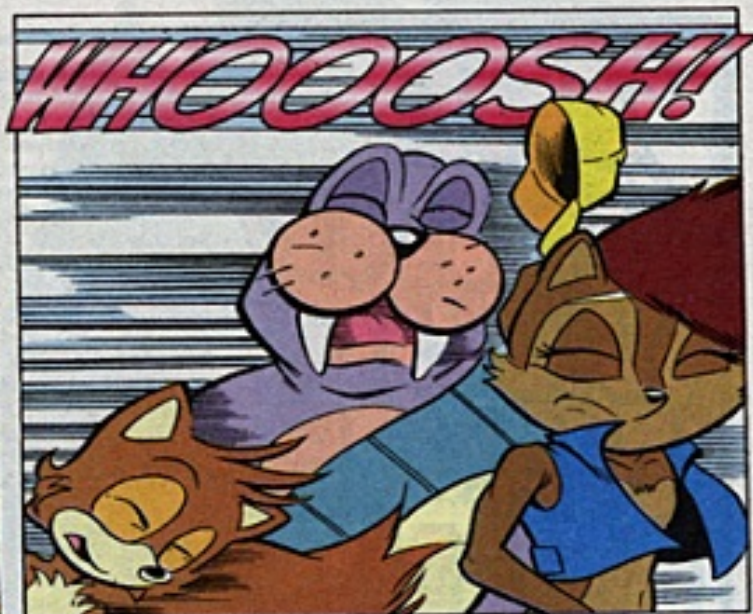
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ATLANTINOPOLIS
IS STRAIGHT AHEAD,

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

WE SHOULD BE
PULLING INTO THE
STATION IN
LESS THAN 30
SECONDS!

WAY-
COOL!

THAT'S
PUTTING IT
MILDLY,
SONIC!

BLACK AND BLUE AND RED ALL OVER

PART III

END OF THE
LINE, BUT HOPEFULLY
NOT US!

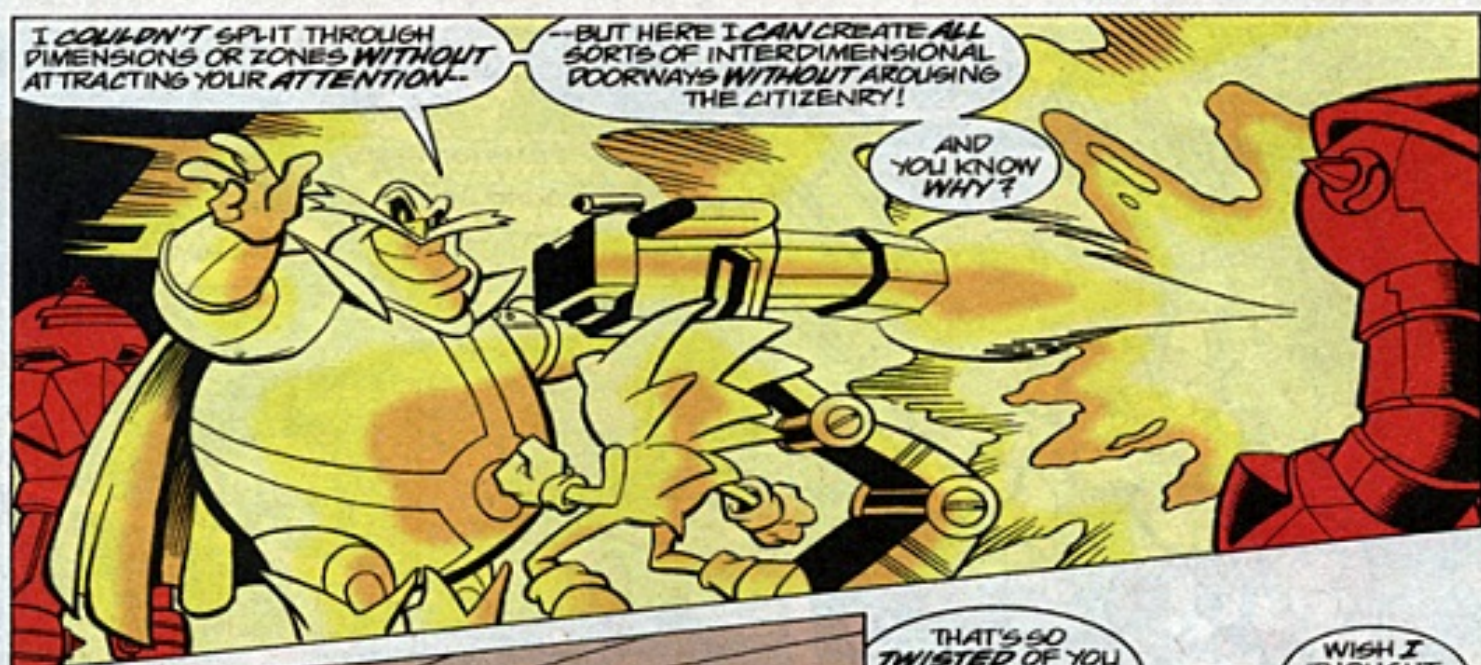
WHEN!
AIR SEEMS A BIT
THICK!

UNLESS WE JURY
RIG SOMETHING FAST
TO POWER THE AIR
CONTAINMENT FIELD--

--IT'LL GET
EVEN
THICKER!

HOLD IT! DO
YOU GUYS HEAR
SOMETHING?





HAHAHAHAHA

"WOMEN
AND CHILDREN
FIRST!"

I'LL GET
'IM FOR
THAT!

WAIT A MINUTE!!!
I'M BEING RATTED
OUT HERE! THIS
WASN'T PART OF
THE PLAN!

YOUR
TURN!

HOPE I HAVE
ENOUGH AIR
TO MAKE IT
THROUGH!

SEEMS RATHER
MEAN-LOOKING
AROUND HERE!

HERE! HAVE
SOME FISTFULS OF
SONIC BRASS!

ROCKEM SOCKEM!
BOING!

THIS'LL
TEACH YA
NOT TO
MESS WITH
ME!

QUICKLY,
ROTOR,
YOU'RE THE
BEST
SWIMMER!

GET
OUT THERE
AND SAVE
TAILS!

IN THE
MEANTIME---

HOW ABOUT CLUEING
US IN ABOUT THIS
"PLAN"?

"AND YOU BETTER HAVE SOMETHING BETTER THAN 'NO COMMENT'!"

THE GLOVES ARE OFF, RO-BUTT-NIK!

WE KNOW THE WHOLE SCHEME!

EVIL SONIC WAS WORKING IN CAHOOTS WITH YOU FOR A PIECE OF THE ACTION!

LIKE SO MANY OTHER SMALL-TIME THUGS, HE DIDN'T REALLY KNOW WHAT HE WAS DEALING WITH, DID HE?

NEITHER DO YOU, HEDGEHOG!

EACH TIME WE BATTLE, I GROW MEANER--

--AND NASTIER--

--AS THIS SHOULD PROVE!

BRZZZZZZT!

I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU WISH YOU STAYED ROBOTICIZED WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH YOU! *

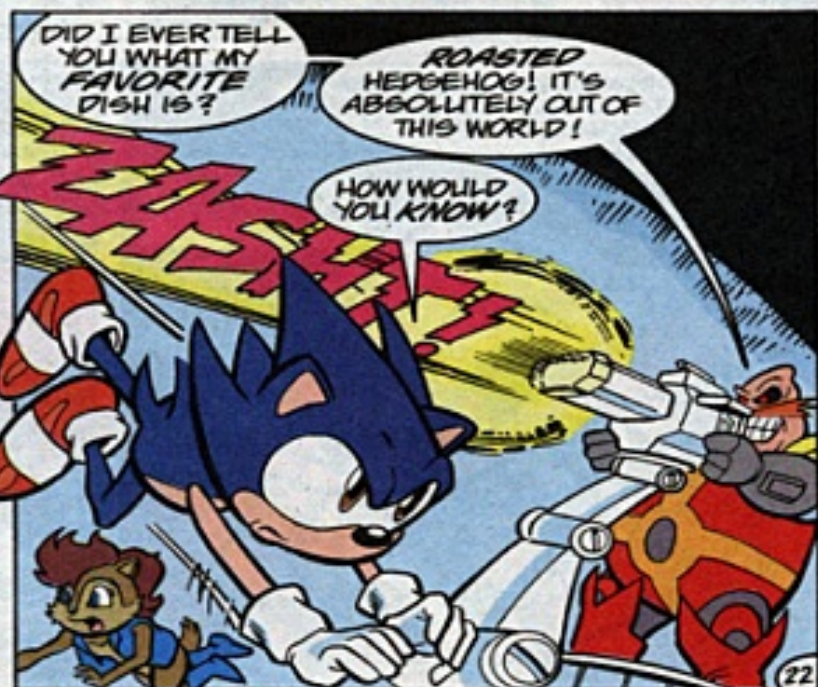
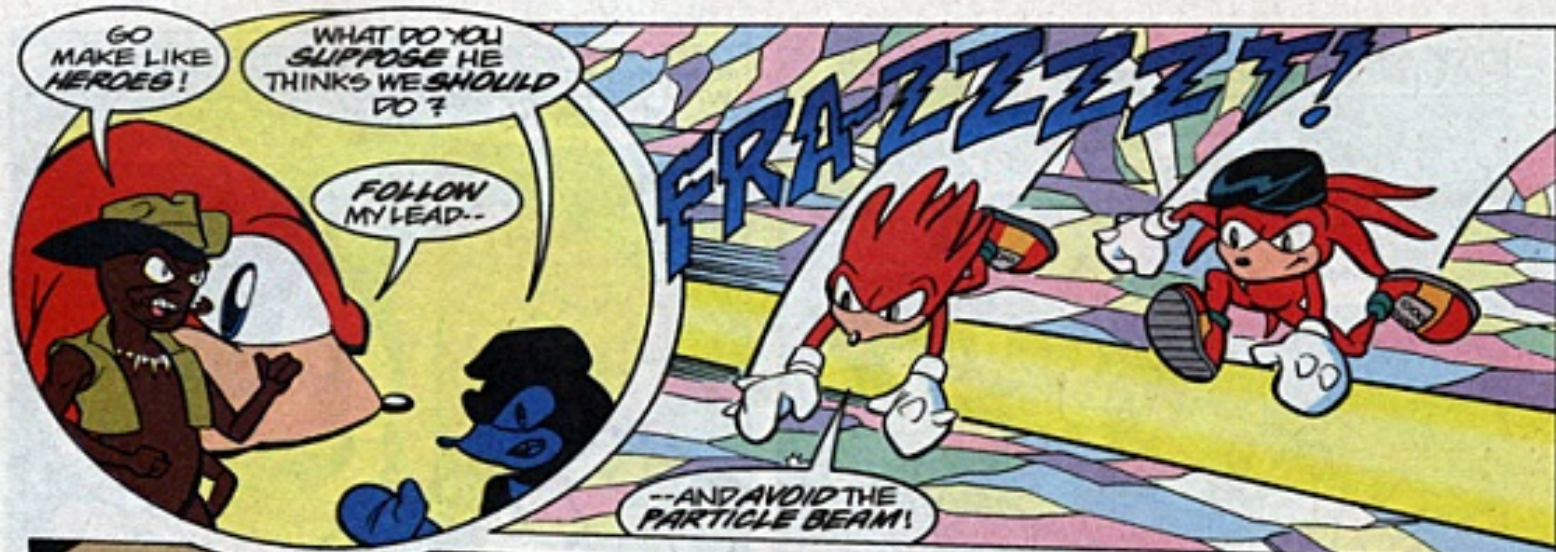
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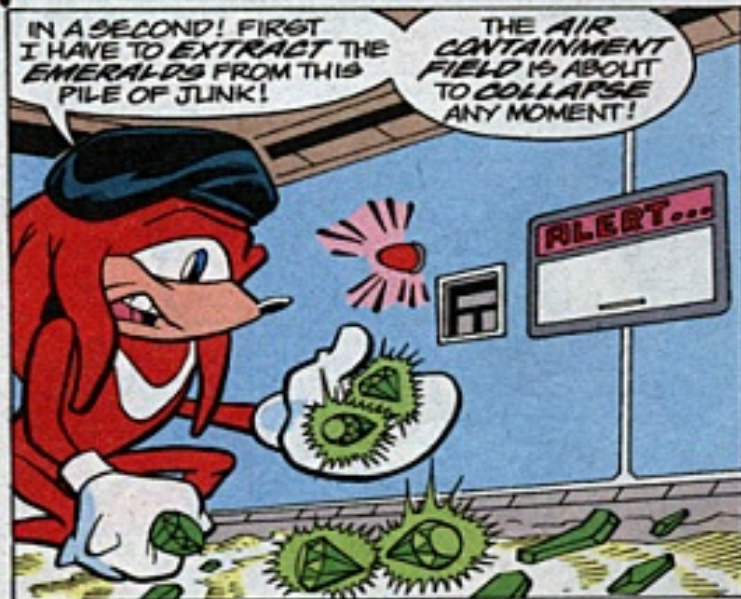
HE'S OPENED A GATEWAY TO OUR CHAOS CHAMBER, KNUCKLES!

ARCHIMEDES!!

I WISH YOU WOULDN'T DO THAT!

WELL, WHAT ARE THE TWO OF YOU WAITING FOR?









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Those of you who were disappointed that Rotor didn't get to use his "Party-Hardy Quadra-Sonic Rock n'Roller" in this story will get to see it in full action soon. And he's going to need it. For even as I write this, events are forming now that will determine the future of Mobius! It is a story that will catapult us into the senses-shattering SONIC #50! Nothing will prepare you for "End Game!" Keep reading Sonic-Grams for more info.

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Dear Sonic,

I have been a loyal subscriber for three years and I have enjoyed your comic throughout all its changes. I love The Freedom Fighters and The Chaotix. I would like to see them work together on a mission one day. I would also like to see Tails work more closely with you. To Freddy, I would like to say that you are doing a great job and keep up the good work. I also have some questions: 1) Why doesn't Knuckles have any fingers? 2) When is Amy Rose going to show up again? That's it for now. Keep Juicin'!

Andrew Dunlap (Age 13)
Beach Park, IL



Wow! A three-year subscriber to my book! Hey, dude, thanks for the loyal support! We here at Hog Central aim to please. As I hope the countdown to my Fiftieth issue will do for you. The Freedom Fighters and The Chaotix aren't fighting the same war but we might hook up in the future. I hope you checked out my "SONIC-QUEST" mini-series where me and Tails work together on a solo mission. 1) I don't know. I'll have to ask him next time I see him (if he's not too busy using them against me). 2) Amy Rose may make another appearance soon.

Dear Sonic The Hedgehog,

My favorite thing to do is draw. In SONIC #39, I was thrilled to see "Spaz" back in action. Both SONIC #25 and #39 are my favorites. Three cheers for "Spaz!" By the way, what's the difference between Mecha Sonic and Metal Sonic?

Micah Zak (Age 15)
Naples, AE

The difference between Mecha Sonic and Metal Sonic is the following: Metal Sonic is now referred to by The Freedom Fighters as any of those "mecha-sonics" created by Dr.

Robotnik from scratch. Mecha Sonic is referred to ME when I was roboticized. That's the difference.

NOTES FROM THE NET



Dear Sonic,

The first thing I want to say is that the last few of your comics have been great! Especially the MECHA MADNESS series. I really liked the artwork, too. I am 14 years old and currently in high school. I can draw you like a pro. I almost have your whole comic series and a ton of your video games. Yep, I've been a fan since your first game came out. Now for a couple of questions: 1) Will you make an Antoine mini-series? Ha! Just kidding. 2) Will you make a special issue based on the new Sonic game coming out entitled "Sonic X-Treme?" Plus: I'm also looking forward to the "SONICQUEST" series. It looks really good. Well, that's about it. Keep up the GREAT work!

Jesse
jban50@gnn.com

Thanks for the kudos, Jesse. As for your answers: 1) Ha! is right. 2) Possibly. Keep a sharp eye on these very same pages to hear the latest on that.

Speaking of how "SONICQUEST" goes, how did you the fans like it? If you wrote in to LettersQuest, they will appear in upcoming Sonic-Grams! Lastly, if you would like to write in on the net, send your comments to the following email address: **Benny7Dude@aol.com** **BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE WORDS "NOTES FROM THE NET"** in the subject heading. Catch you on the flip side, Hog-fans!



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